

## AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please amend the paragraph beginning on page 2, line 15, as identified below. The change is shown as a strikethrough of the deleted matter.

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Great time and effort may be involved in developing test programs. In many cases, test programs are developed in a relatively *ad hoc* manner to include dependencies on many different hardware/hardware, hardware/software, and software/software interfaces. For example, it is quite common to directly embed operating-system-specific system calls directly within an automated test program. Embedding system calls directly within the automated test program may represent an efficiency or expediency with regard to developing a test routine for ~~of~~ a particular component, but may, in turn, represent a burdensome dependency if the automated test program is attempted to be applied to testing a different type of component or is attempted to be ported to execute under a different operating system from that for which the automated test program was initially developed.

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